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LB 407, 759

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. You've heard the closing on the motion. And this will be a record vote. Mr. Clerk, read the motion before the body.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wehrbein, as Chair of the Appropriations Committee, would move that LB 407 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Those in favor of the question vote aye, those opposed to the question vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? This is a record vote, Senator Chambers. Thank you. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote read, Legislative Journal page 2046.)
37 ayes, 11 nays, 1 present and not voting, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion before the body was successful. I do raise the call. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion filed is by Senator Brashear. Senator Brashear would move the LB 759 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brashear, to open on your motion.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, we have decided what the budget of the state of Nebraska will be and now we must raise the revenue. You know, as I've reflected upon this session, there are some things that stand out in my mind. One, I repeatedly heard that we were not going to cut K-12 education the way the Governor wanted to cut it. I also heard we weren't going to cut the university the way the Governor wanted to cut it. We weren't going to do the 10 percent in selected areas that he wanted to do. Those were some of the same decisions we made during the last regular session when the Governor was opposed to LB 1085 and he voted it and we overrode it, and we wouldn't be here today without having done that with LB 1085. And I want to respectfully suggest that the correct course of action today is also to override the veto and to do what is before us in LB 759. It's consistent with the budgetary plan that we've put in place after all of the much lauded, and